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## A REMINDER..



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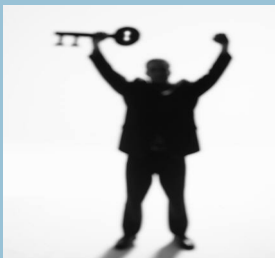
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## APPLAUSE!

Thanks to all that were involved in the successful 2012 Key Inventory! Your help and cooperation is appreciated!



In today's world, many people have learned to multi-task making it difficult to go anywhere and not see someone talking on or using a cell phone while driving. Consequently, this person is probably not paying nearly enough attention to the road or its users. It is proven and well documented that texting causes drivers to look away from the road for approximately 4.6 seconds, and at 55mph, the driver could travel the length of a football field in that amount of time and not realize it!

In April, the Department of Commerce was supporting National Safety Council's Distracted Driving Month, urging folks to refrain from using cell phones and/or texting while driving. However in May, we can continue to spread the message that texting and using cell phones, while operating a vehicle can come with serious and unalterable consequences. Other distractions such as passengers, eating, grooming, adjusting the radio or even rubbernecking, can be just as dangerous.

There are plenty of things to concentrate on as you drive like watching for pedestrians, changing lights, and other vehicles switching lanes. Many accidents are preventable if distractions are eliminated while driving.

This is a reminder that federal employees who have to drive as part of their job are prohibited from texting while driving, per Executive Order 13513 - Federal Leadership on Reducing Text Messaging While Driving (October 1, 2009).

Distracted driving is increasingly having an impact on lives lost and property damage. Help create safer roads everywhere and focus on the task at hand—driving safely. Don't be distracted!